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## MARCH MEETING, 1887.

THE meeting this month was held as usual on the second Thursday, the 10th instant, Dr. ELLIS presiding.

The Recording Secretary read his notes of the preceding meeting.

The Librarian being absent, his report of the volumes which had been given to the Library was read by Mr. Lawrence.

The PRESIDENT's opening remarks were as follows : —

The happy clearing up of the mystery investing the birth-place and parentage of John Harvard, by the intelligent methods pursued by Mr. Waters, promises to be followed with like success in the case of another distinguished man of our earliest colonial years. Roger Williams, as regards his origin, age, and kinship, has always been a puzzle to his many biographers. From the few fragmentary helps to our inferences on these points his age, at the time of his arrival in Boston, on the 15th of February, 1631 (new style), has had a range between twenty-five and thirty-two years. Those who have shown the most of charity for his "unsettled judgments," by which he first was brought into notoriety here, have been willing to give him the allowance for immaturity. I have recently received from Mr. Reuben A. Guild, Librarian of Brown University, a note, accompanied by a newspaper slip, containing a report of an interesting paper read by him on February 22 before the Rhode Island Historical Society. Mr. Guild thinks he has come to the knowledge of the early personal history of Williams. Though he admits that the story seems too good to be true, he thinks the evidence is very strong in favor of the conclusions which he has reached. Substantially they are as follows: That Roger Williams was born on Dec. 21, 1602, of a wealthy, aristocratic, high-church English family; that his mother was an heiress; that he came into possession of his property just before entering Pembroke College, at the beginning of the second term, January, 1624; and that he was

probably the son of William Williams, of Gwinear, Cornwall. Mr. Guild has certainly disposed of one mistaken assumption, as he has found proof that the Roger Williams who was a foundation scholar at the Charter-House in 1621, and who was sent to the University in July, 1624, being a good scholar, was not the Roger Williams of Rhode Island, who at that very time had finished his first year at Pembroke. This other Roger, who may have been the son of Lewis Williams, of St. Albans, had in June, 1629, discontinued his studies, and his exhibition was suspended just about the time that our Roger Williams, who had been preaching in Lincolnshire, embarked for New England. We shall look with interest for a full presentment of this new material by Mr. Guild.

In view of the approaching Annual Meeting, Messrs. Abbott Lawrence, Roger Wolcott, and Edward J. Lowell were appointed a committee to nominate officers; and Messrs. Martin Brimmer and Uriel H. Crocker, to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Mr. C. C. SMITH read a letter from Mr. Deane, which enclosed \$1,000 for the Society, to be spent during the year in the employment of extra assistance in cataloguing the Society's manuscripts. It was voted that the grateful acknowledgments of the Society be presented to Messrs. Charles Deane and George C. Lord, executors of the will of the late Robert Waterston, for their generous gift, and that a committee of two be appointed to carry out the wishes of the donors as expressed in the letter of Mr. Deane to the Treasurer. Mr. Justin Winsor and Mr. Robert C. Winthrop, Jr., were appointed as that committee.

Mr. R. C. WINTHROP, Jr., then said: —

Mr. President, — The Society will remember that in 1874 the late Mr. John Russell Bartlett edited for the Narragansett Club a collection of all the letters of Roger Williams which he had been able to find, and which up to that time were inconveniently scattered among this Society's publications and elsewhere. This compilation is a very useful one for reference, and comprises one hundred and thirty-four letters, no less than one hundred and nine of which had been already printed by us, and one hundred and three of which had at different

periods been communicated here by my father and grandfather. The Winthrop Papers have been supposed to contain no other letters of Roger Williams than the one hundred and three last mentioned ; but, to my surprise, I recently found two others, which had been apparently examined long ago and then lost sight of. Mr. Bartlett was evidently unaware of their existence, and I now desire to communicate them. The longer of the two, dated Providence, Sept. 2, 1672, is chiefly devoted to the writer's "testimonie" against what he calls "the unclean spirit of the Quakers;" and, alluding to the arrival of "G. Fox & his Fantasticks," he says that it weighs heavily upon him "to be as zealous for my Lord Jesus as they are for Sathan." This letter has unfortunately suffered much from damp, and portions of several sentences cannot now be deciphered. The other is in excellent preservation, and consists of a postscript added by Roger Williams to a letter from his brother Robert to John Winthrop, Jr., dated Providence, Sept. 24, 1649. An earlier committee on these papers printed a single letter of this Robert Williams, dated in 1647; but the one I have now found is the more important of the two. I shall not read it, as I assume it will be printed, but I will quote one sentence from the postscript which his distinguished brother added and signed. "I have," he says, "divers letters from England; all expresse a wonderfull calme & Libertie; all violent Hands, though not Tounge, being held in by the Armie." This incidental and approving characterization of civil liberty as a state of admirable tranquillity, resulting from the salutary restraint of a standing army, seems to my conservative mind a rational one, and is especially noticeable as coming from the pen of so prominent a champion of religious liberty. It readily suggests the second line of that favorite motto of another apostle of human freedom, Algernon Sidney, and which was long afterwards adopted for the great seal of Massachusetts. It has always seemed to me that in choosing the line "*Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem*," we intended the word *ense* to have in some degree a retrospective sense, meaning it to refer not merely to our having drawn the sword against the Mother Country in order to secure the tranquil enjoyment of our liberties, but also to our having considered ourselves justified, at a much earlier period of our history, in enforcing the very harshest measures

to get rid of that mischievous class of persons whom Roger Williams, in one of these letters, terms "incendiaries," but whom, of late years, it has become the fashion to designate by the expressive epithet of "cranks."

I do not forget, however, that a very eminent member of this Society has placed a less satisfactory interpretation upon the motto in question. There is a memorable passage in that eloquent oration of Charles Sumner upon the "True Grandeur of Nations," where, after alluding to our Massachusetts escutcheon as "a most unfortunate combination of disagreeable and unworthy suggestions," he speaks of this word *ense* as conveying an idea of barbarous menace, painfully recalling those "disgraceful wars" in which, as he says, "our fathers robbed and murdered King Philip of Pokanoket and his tribe, rightful possessors of this soil."<sup>1</sup> I can conceive of few more engaging subjects for the pen of some future Savage Landor than an "Imaginary Conversation" in which the misuse of lethal weapons should be deprecated by the founder of Rhode Island, denounced by our lamented Senator, and defended by those two martyred patriots, Philip of Pokanoket and Algernon Sidney!

*Robert Williams to John Winthrop, Jr., with a Postscript from  
Roger Williams.*

PROVIDENCE, 24<sup>th</sup> Septemb<sup>r</sup> 1649.

S<sup>r</sup>, — O<sup>r</sup> serviceable Respects p<sup>r</sup>sented unto you and yo<sup>r</sup> Beloved, with engaged acknowledgm<sup>t</sup> for all yo<sup>r</sup> former & late kind & free Remembrance unto us undeserving of yo<sup>r</sup> worth, &c. Concerninge the land you are pleased to nominate (p<sup>r</sup> my brother's advice to be in Controvercie) I understand not; my poore thoughts unto you were (if the place and we were worthe of you) for Potuomet, the front of o<sup>r</sup> Freshett, and in tyme will be advantagious unto those that shall injoye it; yo<sup>r</sup> grave & experienced wisdom needs not my poore advice, but would I were able in any way to expresse my serviceable & Cordiall affections unto you. From o<sup>r</sup> deare Native Countrie 2 ships arived at Boston, Larice & Allen; particular information p<sup>r</sup> Letters yet we have not, only in generall, that *Warr* commands *peace*, a paradoxe that the divine language speakes unto us depending upon his All-sufficiencie, &c. Concerninge these parts you may be pleased to understand (if you are not allreadye informed) that the late Commission<sup>rs</sup> at Boston ordered

<sup>1</sup> An Oration delivered before the Authorities of the City of Boston, July 4, 1845, by Charles Sumner. Original edition. William D. Ticknor & Co., 1845.

that we are Free from the authority of Massachusetts; Conitocutte denied, therefore Plymouth takes care. M<sup>r</sup> Browne lately advised with o<sup>r</sup> President that a Composure may be p<sup>r</sup> Conference (yo<sup>r</sup> advice heerein will engage us further unto you); if not, then accordinge unto their Commission (as he reports) from o<sup>r</sup> right hon<sup>ble</sup> Governo<sup>r</sup> an Inquest of 12 men out of the united Colonys to inquire & try the Limits of their Pattents & o<sup>r</sup> Charter, & to determine o<sup>r</sup> Libertyes under their clemencie, &c. We yet heare not from o<sup>r</sup> right hon<sup>ble</sup> Governo<sup>r</sup> for whose free & absolute grace & favour we are engaged & allsoe to be responsible according unto their ordinance, and we doubt not of their royall Care unto us their loyall subjects (here bewilddered), but that we shall resceave a Countermand under their hands & seales (if it be theire pleasure) of what was most free & nobly granted unto us and cannot with hono<sup>r</sup> be taken from us; — (in my poore thoughts subjective, however, the Earth is the Lord's & the fullnes thereof, created for a momente heere for us and his durable free Grace & Riches in the Land of the Livinge for Eternitye, unto the hopefull enjoym<sup>t</sup> thereof the Lord makes us his true & faythfull Minuralls & Lapidaries to enjoye the invalluable Riches thereof), unto that hopefull fruition I commend you, restinge

Yo<sup>r</sup> Assured & obliged,

ROBERT WILLIAMS.

S<sup>r</sup>, praye presente my reall Respects unto M<sup>r</sup> Brewster; haply if the Lord orders yo<sup>r</sup> settlem<sup>t</sup> togeather my longinge Thoughts may humbly desire p<sup>r</sup>takinge unto what formerly I was bould to move, &c. allsoe my love unto M<sup>r</sup> Chesbrooke & his familye; I was lately at Cea-Coancke<sup>1</sup> and their informed by M<sup>r</sup> Paine that his cowes is attached concerninge somewhat frō one in the Massachusetts. It seemes M<sup>r</sup> Reede his dealer omitted it and it must come unto a tryall at Plymouth. He will doe well to send speedy order unto those that he confides in to end the differences & stope charges, &c.

*Roger Williams's Postscript to the foregoing Letter of Robert Williams to John Winthrop, Jr.*

S<sup>r</sup>, — This being sent to me open I add subscription (*in animo*) to the inclosed: yet still hope it will please God *post tenebras dare Lucem* & make you shine as a Light in Pietie & Politie where his holy hand hath set you, that all y<sup>r</sup> Countary conceave not an opinion of yo<sup>r</sup> Levitie. W<sup>m</sup> Cheesbrooke hath letters now from me & further direction about his affaires. I have divers letters from England, all expresse a wonderfull Calme & Libertie, & all violent Hands, though not Tounge, held in by the Armie. S<sup>r</sup>, with best salutes I end, waiting for a word from John Picket when (if God please) I hope to see you & ever desire to be yo<sup>r</sup> most unfayned

ROGER WILLIAMS.

<sup>1</sup> Seekonk.

My wife (now with me) presents loving respects. She is, with my daughter Mary, newly come from the Bay, where she had councell & helpe from M<sup>r</sup> Clarke who made answer in Marie's name for her eye, &c.

To the Wor<sup>d</sup> JOHN WINTHROP  
These p<sup>r</sup>sent,  
at Pequitte.

ROBERT WILLIAMS.

*Roger Williams to the Commissioners of the United Colonies.*

To the much honoured the President & . . . . . [torn] of the hon<sup>d</sup>  
Commissioners from Massachusetts, Plymouth & Conecticut, as-  
sembled at Plymouth, present.

PROVIDENCE, 2 Sept<sup>r</sup> 1672 (ut vulgo).

HON<sup>ED</sup> SIRs, humble respects &c. As Commanders of a Fleete or Squadron meete in a Councell of war at sea: so meete yourselves in a Councell of peace or war. I beseech you <sup>1</sup> . . . . .  
. . . . .  
. . . . . last Declaration speak lowd for New England's moderation within itselfe & towards their Countrymen without them. Gentlemen, you know our Civill Contests with Conecticut Colony & our Religious Dissentions, especially betweene y<sup>e</sup> 2 parties, ye people called Baptists & Quakers, amongst us. The former being y<sup>e</sup> last yeare in power committed an old Boutefeuau <sup>2</sup> amongst us, W. Harris, for openly opposing (by publike speech & professed writings) y<sup>e</sup> King's Authority & Prerogative to dispenche with his subjects' Consciences (no, not abroad) in matters of God's Worship established by Law in Eng<sup>l</sup><sup>d</sup>. For his escape, he plots with y<sup>e</sup> Quakers' partie; they togeather (though very hardly) out y<sup>e</sup> Baptists, & so W. Harris escapes. In this juncture G. Fox & his Fantasticks arrive, who are welcom'd by our Chiefe & W. Har<sup>s</sup>, & by y<sup>e</sup> vulgar, as Paul & Barnabas, Mercury & Jupiter from Heaven. Mine experience tells me that (as I have told them openly) W. Harris cares no more for y<sup>e</sup> Quakers than y<sup>e</sup> Baptists, nor for Hartford than Newport, but hath pleaded for y<sup>e</sup> Charter of Conecticut & ye Quakers only hoping for helpe from them at last about Land, &c. By infinite Wisedome thus y<sup>e</sup> most holy & only wise orders ye Affairs of Dust & ashes like y<sup>e</sup> worckings & strugglings of Ants upon a Molehill till the wind of Death tears all asunder.

Hon<sup>d</sup> S<sup>r</sup>s, I have ever sought after ye Restauration of ye Ordinances of Christ Jesus in Puritie, therefore have I now resolved (with y<sup>e</sup> helpe

<sup>1</sup> This passage is too much torn and defaced to be deciphered.

<sup>2</sup> Evidently the French word, *boute-feu*, an incendiary.

of y<sup>e</sup> Lord) to give some testimonie against the uncleane spirit of y<sup>e</sup> Quakers. I challenged G. Fox & all his complices . . . . .  
 . . . my charges against them in publike. The old<sup>1</sup> . . . . .  
 . . . . .  
 . . . . . to palliate their offences (w<sup>ch</sup> God was pleased to discover to the utmost) by printing their Lyes in London. You know it can not be but heavily incumbent upon my Spirit to be as zealous for my Lord Jesus as they are for Sathan, & to meete them, in their Traverses & Turns, at y<sup>e</sup> press in London allso. S<sup>r</sup>, if it please God to bring me to London & (very probably) to his Mat<sup>ties</sup> presence, can I say ought to y<sup>e</sup> prejudice of y<sup>e</sup> Safetie & Peace & Liberties of New Engl<sup>d</sup>, & yet can I be silent in y<sup>e</sup> Concerns of our Colony? Ought not y<sup>e</sup> . . . . . Liberties of New Engl<sup>d</sup> to be as tender to me as y<sup>e</sup> apple of mine eye<sup>1</sup> . . . . .  
 . . . . .  
 . . . . .

S<sup>r</sup>, I pray you pass by y<sup>e</sup> failings of

Yo<sup>r</sup> most unworthy Servant,

ROGER WILLIAMS.<sup>2</sup>

Endorsed by Gov. JOHN WINTHROP, Jr.: "Ltre from Mr Williams, 1672."

Dr. EVERETT spoke of a singular allusion to the painter Sharpless, and to Middleton's picture of Mary the mother of Washington, which occurs in the last number of "Harper's Magazine."

Mr. GOODELL remarked that Major Walter had returned to England, news having been received that he had reached Queenstown on his way home.

Mr. WINSOR said:—

When recently investigating the details of the famous Indian fight of Captain Lovewell near Fryeburg, Maine, May 8, 1725, I was obliged to accept the map of the neighborhood of the pond on the banks of which the conflict took place, as it is given in Bouton's edition of "Lovewell's Great Fight," (Concord, New Hampshire, 1861), and copied in Frederick Kidder's "Expedition of Captain John Lovewell" (Boston, 1865). This map places the scene at the north angle of the

<sup>1</sup> This passage is too much torn and defaced to be deciphered.

<sup>2</sup> For an account of a meeting of the Commissioners of the United Colonies at which a letter (probably this) of Roger Williams is mentioned, see Hazard's Collections, vol. ii. p. 527.



pond, as deduced from the accounts and traditions. Since I made this study I have found an early plan entered upon the records of Harvard College<sup>1</sup> by President Langdon, with care enough to indicate an accurate copy "from a large plan belonging to the proprietors of Fryeburg." This draught shows "Lovels pond" and its neighborhood, and there is a small dot put against the shore on the northeast side of the pond with this inscription, "Place of Lovel's battle with the Indians." This plan must have been made not many years from 1770, or about forty years after the event, when there were many persons living remembering the occurrence.

Langdon, it will be remembered, was a map-maker not without experience, for he had assisted Colonel Blanchard in the well-known map of New Hampshire which was published in 1761.

Mr. WINSOR also said : —

I have had occasion in another place to review the discussions which have taken place over the landfall of Sir Francis Drake on the California coast, in connection with the views of our associate, Dr. Hale, that San Francisco Bay was the spot.<sup>2</sup> I received yesterday from Professor George Davidson, of the Coast Survey, an abstract of a paper read by him before the California Academy of Sciences, on the "Early Spanish Voyages of Discovery on the Coast of California." As his conclusions on the point of Drake's landing are at variance with what has usually been held by his associates in the Survey, and as he has been on work in the coast line of that region for more than thirty-five years, his opinion is of importance to any one who seeks to weigh the evidence. His testimony is in favor of what is known as Jack's Bay, or the Sir Francis Drake Bay of the modern maps, which is a depression in the coast a few miles north of the Golden Gate. He identifies the "Portus Novæ Albionis" of Drake, given by that navigator as under 38° of north latitude, with the "Baia de Pinos" of Cabrillo, the "Bahia de los Pinos" of Ferrelo, the "Puerto de San Francisco" of Viscaino, and holds them to be the modern Drake's Bay, or the northern part of the gulf of the Farallones,

<sup>1</sup> College Book, vol. iii. p. 130.

<sup>2</sup> Narrative and Critical History of America, vol. iii p. 74.

whose true latitude is precisely what Drake records, and more than a degree south of the record made by Ferrelo.

Those interested in the historical cartography of the Pacific coast will be glad to learn that Professor Davidson in this paper has sought to determine the identity of sixty-nine places on the coast mentioned in the narratives of Ulloa, Cabrillo, Ferrelo, Drake, and Viscaino, and that, as the result of much study, it has been submitted to the Superintendent of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey for publication.

Mr. WINSOR finally referred to the list of the nearly four hundred books left by Elder William Brewster of the "Mayflower" at his death, as interesting in showing what the most learned man of that company had gathered for his household companions. He said: —

This list is spread upon the records of inventories at Plymouth,<sup>1</sup> and enables us to authenticate all of the autographs of the Elder which are known, with the exception of one, and that is attached to the record of a deed in the Court House at Plymouth, — not a solitary instance in those records of original signatures being attached to papers spread upon its records, — and this was for a long time the only autograph of Brewster known. About thirty years ago a copy of Cartwright's "Harmonia Evangelica" (Amsterdam, 1627), was found in the Yale College Library, — the same book priced in the inventory at Plymouth at five shillings. It has, accompanying the signature, the motto "Hebel est omnis Adam," which seems to be play upon the Hebrew names of Adam and Abel and to signify the vanity or transitoriness of man. Not long after this a folio Chrysostom (Basle, 1522) was discovered in the Boston Athenæum, with the name and motto, and it was found to be further inscribed as having been owned by the young Thomas Prince, a son of Governor Prince, who married a daughter of Brewster, and also as having been at one time the property of President Wadsworth of Harvard College. Brewster died in April, 1644, and young Prince notes receiving it in July following thus: "Thomæ Principis. Liber ex bibliotheca avi mei, 1644, Jull." Some years later than this a copy of Francis Johnson's "Treatise of the Minis-

<sup>1</sup> Plymouth Wills, vol. i. p. 53.

tery of the Church of England" (1595) came into the hands of a Boston dealer, and thence passed to our associate, Dr. Dexter, who has given a fac-simile of the autograph of Brewster which it contains, in his "Literature of Congregationalism" (p. 410). It is not accompanied by the motto, and has a firmer stroke in the writing, so that it is probably an earlier date than the others. This as well as the Athenæum volume is also in the inventory.

At the time I made a note on these autographs in the "History of America" (vol. iii. p. 287) no others were thought to be known; but two additional have since come to my knowledge. The first of these is in one of the Commentaries of David Pareus, of which the inventory shows three, including this, which is the "In Genesin Mosis Commentarius" (Frankfort, 1615). This also has the motto, and belongs to Mr. William Brewster, the ornithologist, my neighbor at Cambridge. The other of these last two is found in a volume which I chanced upon a few months ago in Woodstock, Connecticut, and it proves to be of accumulated interest for the series of autographs which it contains. The inventory at Plymouth shows "Senecas Workes, 6 shillings," and the book in question is this folio volume, being Thomas Lodge's English translation of Seneca's Morals, published in London in 1614. It seems to have been owned at first by two persons named Kyrbie, of whom I can find nothing, the autographs being "Edmund Kyrbie, anno domini, 1614," "Edward Kyrbye," and in a latinized form "Edvardus Kyrbie." Its interest begins with the next signature, "William Peirse his book,"—the master mariner who commanded the "Ann," which brought Edward Winslow to Plymouth in 1623, and who after that date is frequently found on the coast, now serving the Pilgrims and then the Massachusetts people. It will be remembered that Winthrop found him and his ship in Gloucester Harbor when he first touched the New England coast in 1630, and fired "two ordnance" in salutation. It will be remembered, too, that the almanac of "Mr. William Peirse mariner" was the first thing printed at Cambridge in 1639, after the little broadside of the "Freeman's Oath." How Peirse's book wandered after it arrived we learn from the next inscription: "Willm. Brewster, his booke, bought of William Peirse. Cost 10/6, in Plimouth in New England. Hebel est omnis Adam." Brewster, as I have

said, died in 1644, when the book fell to his son Love Brewster, and was by him sold the same year to the eldest son of Myles Standish, as is shown by the autograph "Alexander Standish, his booke, bought of Love Brewster, cost 16"—1644." The next signature is of David Standish, a son of Alexander; but it was from another son of Alexander that it passed to the hands of the minister of Duxbury,—"John Robinson, his Book, 1722, bought of Thomas Standish." The next transmission was on a death-bed, for Robinson died on the same day noted in the next autograph,— "Ichabod Robinson's Book. The gift of his Rev. Father Mr. John Robinson Nov. 14, 1745." John Robinson at the time of his death was living in Lebanon, Connecticut, which was the home of Jonathan Trumbull, the later Governor of Connecticut, who had married a daughter of Robinson. Trumbull's daughter married William Williams, the Connecticut signer of the Declaration of Independence; and through this descent it seems to have passed to William T. Williams, the son of William Williams, and brother of the wife of John McClellan, who in turn received it and added his autograph, from whom it passed to its present owner, Mr. Joseph McClellan, of Woodstock.

It is possible, and perhaps probable, that some other of the four hundred books of Brewster's library may yet be found, and I venture to add to these remarks a transcript of their titles from the Plymouth Records, not only as indicative of the kind of library which he had, but as possibly assisting hereafter in the identification of some of them. It is well known that Brewster's press was active at Leyden in printing books that the censors in England condemned. The subject may very likely be further elucidated as to the extent of such printing if many other volumes in this inventory are found; but we may be quite content to leave such investigations in the hands of Dr. Dexter. I have asked his permission to quote a passage in a recent letter which came to me from him:—

"In January, 1876, after much effort I succeeded in purchasing for twenty-five dollars, of the late Charles Hammond, of Monson, a small volume in a dilapidated condition, which he had picked up in some Connecticut garret, the interest of which to me consisted in the fact that, among other things, it included a perfect copy of John Robinson's 'Peoples' Plea.' It was loosely stitched together in a manner to

make me think it might be the 'divers books sticht together' of the inventory, and priced two shillings. The first thing I did was to cut it apart, when I had before me seven small 16mo's, five of which were perfect. When laid side by side, I was immediately struck with their similar type, the same sized page, the same ornaments, and with that indescribable *tout ensemble* which declares the same printing-house. They were all of date 1618 and 1619, except that the seventh lacked the title; and this and the others were of the same office, as the worn and somewhat broken type showed. My next step was to infer, as I had always heard that the 'Plea' was printed by Elder Brewster at Leyden, that they all might have been. I then set to work to see what evidence there may be that the 'Plea' was really printed by Brewster. It has two large initial letters, each defective slightly in spots, and by comparing these (with a microscope) with like initials in books known to have been printed by Brewster at Leyden, I arrived at a moral certainty that all were his. Of such books I have three of which I suppose no reasonable doubt can be entertained, namely, 'Commentarii Succincti & Dilucidi in Proverbia Salomonis,' which has his imprint, 'Lygdvni Batavorvm. Apud Gulielmum Brevvsterum. In vico Choralii, 1617;' Cartwright's 'A Confvtation of the Rhemists Translation, Glosses and Annotations on the Nevv Testament,' (with no imprint), 1618; and the 'Perth Assembly' (no imprint), 1619. Both the latter seem well authenticated by Sir Dudley Carleton's Letters (pp. 379, 380, 390). The 'Proverbia' has but two large initials, but the 'Confutation' has twenty-six, and the 'Assembly' has six, — thirty-two in all, — offering a fair chance for comparison. As the result of a careful study of the matter, I feel morally certain that the whole ten books were printed at the same press between 1617 and 1619 inclusive, and that that press was William Brewster's."

I may be pardoned in adding a final sentence from Dr. Dexter's letter, indicative of his laborious study in the literature of the Pilgrims. He says: —

"I have never till this year succeeded in getting together what might be called a perfect set of John Robinson's original editions; yet even now I lack his 'Manvmission to a Manvdvction' (1615), which Mr. Deane has, and his 'Appeal on Truth's Behalf,' which nobody seems to have but the Bodleian. I have abandoned all hope of ever getting his 'Answer to a Censorious Epistle,' or 'Catechism' except as published with the 1644 edition of his 'Apologie.'"

I may finally add that I found the other day, on running over the titles of John Harvard's books, — part of his endowment of the College, the list of which is preserved in the

College Records, — that Harvard had, among these companions of his pilgrimage to New England, the Essays of John Robinson, the Pilgrim Pastor.

The inventory of the library of Elder Brewster in the Plymouth Records is as follows : —

	£	s.	d.
It 2 little chatachismes	00	00	04
It 1 Lambeth on the Will of man	00	00	02
It 1 morrall discourse	00	00	02
It Discouery of Spanish Inquisition	00	00	03
It Johnson on 18 <sup>th</sup> Math	00	00	04
It Remaynes of Brittain	00	01	00
It Description of New England	00	00	04

*An Inventory of the Latten books taken by Mr. Bradford Mr Prence  
and Mr Reyner May 18<sup>th</sup> 1644.<sup>1</sup>*

	£	s.	d.
Inpris Nova Testamenti Malarato	01	04	00
It Tromelius & Junius Biblia Sacra	00	18	00
It Beza noua testament, lat & gre	01	00	00
It Centuria Selecta	00	08	00
It Calvin duodecim <sup>ph</sup> phet	00	15	00
It Clauis Scriptura flacio Illirico	00	15	00
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Mr. WASHBURN expressed his pleasure at hearing Captain Davidson's conclusions in regard to the alleged discovery of the Bay of San Francisco by Sir Francis Drake. This opinion he had reached many years ago, — that Sir Francis never discovered, much less entered, that bay, because he would have used very different language in regard to it. Three years ago, on a vacation voyage, he had himself visited the harbor of San Francisco, approaching it from the south, and he was more than ever confirmed in his opinion. Indeed, this was one of the instances of an unfounded supposition carelessly entertained and disseminated among the people until at last it is accepted. Similarly erroneous was the statement which Keats embodied in his well-known line about Cortez, —

“Silent upon a peak in Darien;”

whereas Cortez never was in Darien, and it seems as certain that Sir Francis Drake was never in the Bay of San Francisco.

Dr. EVERETT gave as another example of a widely prevalent belief, which may be destitute of foundation, the statement that Jefferson Davis was one of the repudiators of the obligations of Mississippi, whereas it does not appear that he was a member of the legislature of that State at the time.